

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

Office of the Governor



**EXECUTIVE ORDER 1422**

**WHEREAS**, ensuring a safe school environment for students, teachers, and staff in Mississippi is of the utmost importance; and

**WHEREAS**, our schools have safety measures in place designed to prevent and respond to incidents. However, these measures should frequently be re-evaluated and updated in order to respond appropriately to evolving threats; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of the tragic school shootings that have taken place, we began the process of re-examining school safety in Mississippi with a series of discussions among stakeholders earlier this year; and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to continue the discussion and examination of school safety in Mississippi and formally assemble a group to study threats along with the very best methods of prevention and response.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bryant, Governor of the State of Mississippi, pursuant to the authority vested in me under the Constitution and laws of the State of Mississippi, do hereby create the Mississippi School Safety Task Force.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Mississippi School Safety Task Force shall be composed of the Commissioner of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, who shall serve as the Chairman, and such other members that the Governor deems necessary. The members shall serve voluntarily in an advisory capacity.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** the Mississippi School Safety Task Force shall meet periodically at the call of the Chairman to study school safety in Mississippi and develop a comprehensive report of our schools' current safety procedures in place and should address the potential threats in Mississippi schools; identify ways to prevent and mitigate these threats; evaluate our schools' current response efforts and resources; and make recommendations for improvement.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Mississippi School Safety Task Force shall provide to the Governor a written report incorporating the directives of this Executive Order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Mississippi to be affixed.

**DONE** in the City of Jackson, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord, two thousand and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States of America, the two hundred and forty-second.



*Phil Bryant*